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PART II.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE.

No. E. 399—*Gl., dated* 20*th*—23*rd December* 1918.

Under Article 172 of the Mysore Service Regulations, Mr. R. Ramiah Naidu, Special Deputy Amildar, Yedatore Taluk, was granted privilege leave of absence for six days from the 12th to 17th August 1918.

The Amildar of the Yedatore Taluk was in charge of the current duties of the Special Deputy Amildar, in addition to his own, during the above period.

Circular Memorandum No. F. C. 71, *dated* 23*rd December* 1918.

It has been brought to notice that there is still some amount of misapprehension in certain quarters regarding the significance of the maximum prices fixed by Government for the controlled food grains. It must be distinctly understood that the maximum wholesale and retail prices fixed by Government are intended merely to prescribe a limit beyond which it would be regarded as an offence to raise the price, and that there is no objection whatever to sell any of the controlled grains cheaper than the rates fixed by Government. On the other hand; it behoves every one concerned to encourage as far as possible the sale of food grains at lower rates.

2. Commandeering of food grains and payment therefor at the rates fixed by Government should be regarded as penal provisions to be resorted to only in cases where the stock is persistently withheld from the market in spite of the demand. The raiyats should be encouraged to take their surplus stock themselves to the market subject to the rules about permits; and all Revenue officers are required to see that no unwarranted impediments are placed in the way of free movement of surplus food grains. Stocks voluntarily taken by the raiyats or merchants to the markets for sale should not be taken over at the commandeering rate except with the consent of the persons concerned but should, in case they are required by the Government, be purchased at the prevailing market rates.

K. R. SRINIVASIENGAR,
Revenue Commissioner.